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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

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POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

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1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	530	Median Age of Population (1980)	32.4
Estimated Population (1984)	134,402	% Population Urban (1980)	64.5
Population per Square Mile (1984)	254	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$8,912
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	- 1.6	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	6.8
Projected Population (1990)	132,367	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	10.0
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	- 3.1	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	11.3

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	134,402	63,218	71,184	35-44	15,961	7,595	8,366
0-4	9,470	4,787	4,683	45-54	12,821	5,888	6,933
5-14	19,157	9,791	9,366	55-64	14,652	6,552	8,100
15-24	21,385	10,625	10,760	65+	20,512	7,912	12,600
25-34	20,444	10,068	10,376				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	953	Number of Divorces	373
Rate per 1,000 Population	7.1	Rate per 1,000 Population	2.8
Median Age of Bride	23	Median Age of Wife	32
Median Age of Groom	26	Median Age of Husband	35

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	1,741
Rate per 1,000 Population	13.0
Median Age of Mother	25
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	5.3

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	1,741	100.0	30-34	285	16.4
UNDER 15	8	0.5	35-39	78	4.5
15-19	251	14.4	40-44	9	0.5
20-24	540	31.0	45+	0	—
25-29	570	32.7	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	45	Meningitis:	Aseptic	0	Salmonellosis	7
Hepatitis:	Type A	1	Meningitis:	Meningococcal	2	Shigellosis	3
Hepatitis:	Type B	12	Mumps		3	Syphilis	2
Hepatitis:	Unspecified	0	Rubella		0	Tuberculosis	6
Hepatitis:	Non-A/Non-B	0					

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	1,566	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	14
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	11.7	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	8.0
Median Age at Death	75.4	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	7

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	698	44.6	Perinatal Conditions	7	36.8	Accidents, All Forms	8	34.8
Cancer	313	20.0	Congenital Anomalies	5	26.3	Suicide	3	13.0
Cerebrovascular Disease	100	6.4	Accidents, All Forms	3	15.8	Heart Disease	2	8.7
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	68	4.3						
Accidents, All Forms	48	3.1						
All Other	339	21.6	All Other	4	21.1	All Other	10	43.5
TOTAL	1,566	100.0	TOTAL	19	100.0	TOTAL	23	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Cancer	14	28.6	Heart Disease	116	43.0	Heart Disease	570	47.3
Heart Disease	10	20.4	Cancer	81	30.0	Cancer	217	18.0
Accidents, All Forms	7	14.3	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	13	4.8	Cerebrovascular Disease	89	7.4
Suicide	4	8.2	Cerebrovascular Disease	7	2.6	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	54	4.5
Cerebrovascular Disease	3	6.1	Accidents, All Forms	7	2.6	Pneumonia and Influenza	34	2.8
All Other	11	22.4	All Other	46	17.0	All Other	241	20.0
TOTAL	49	100.0	TOTAL	270	100.0	TOTAL	1,205	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
5	4	0	0	1	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	1	Structured Clinics	3	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	1	Family Practice Center	1	Limited	0	General	4
				Basic	0	Comprehensive	0

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	4	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	2	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	670	5.0
Admissions	24,493	182.2

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	117	0.9
Admissions	2,618	19.5

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $211

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	2	1	1
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	1	0	1
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	6	6	6
TOTAL	9	7	8

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	489	23.8
Intermediate	664	32.4
Total (SNF + ICF)	1,153	56.2

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 82.4

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $61
Intermediate $51

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
3	307	61	242	4	69.0

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
1	1	0	0	1	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	308	Certified Paramedics I	10
Ambulance Providers	8	Certified Paramedics II	48

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 11

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	8	Autism	8	Muscular Dystrophy	8
Cerebral Palsy	8	Learning Disabilities	8	Other	10
Epilepsy	8	Multiple Sclerosis	8		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 0

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 31